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REPRESENTATIVE KIKA DE LA GARZA ANNOUNCES
AGRICULTURE SECRETARY DISASTER DESIGNATION
FOR STARR COUNTY AND CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES

For Immediate Release, Thursday, July 20, 1995

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Congressman Kika de la Garza announced today the designation by the U S Secretary of Agriculture of Starr County as a primary disaster area due to drought, high winds and high temperatures which occurred from January 1, 1995 through June 5, 1995.

In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Agricultural Credit Act of 1984, the Counties of Brooks, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, and Zapata were named as contiguous disaster areas.

This designation makes family-sized farm operators in both primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for low-interest emergency (EM) loans from the Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA). Each application will be considered on its own merits, taking into account the extent of losses, security available, repayment ability, and other eligibility requirements.

Local CFSA offices can provide affected farmers with further information and assist them in completing applications for assistance.

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